

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Business Challenges within the Defense Industry held a hearing entitled “The Defense Industrial Base: The Role of the Department of Defense.” Testimony was heard from Brett Lambert, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy, Department of Defense; and Andre Gudger, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense.

UTILITY MACT’S IMPACT ON JOB CREATION

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Lights Out II: Should EPA Take a Step Back to Fully Consider Utility MACT’s Impact on Job Creation?” Testimony was heard from Kenneth Cuccinelli, II, Attorney General, Virginia; Robert Perciasepe, Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

OVERVIEW OF PREVIOUS DEBT PROPOSALS

Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an overview of previous debt proposals, after receiving testimony from former Senator Alan Simpson, the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, Denver, Colorado; and former Senator Pete V. Domenici, and Alice Rivlin, both of the Bipartisan Policy Center Debt Reduction Task Force, and Erskine Bowles, the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 1119, to reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, S. 1207, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach, S. 1307, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey real property, including improvements, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Ketchikan, Alaska, S. 1401, to conserve wild Pacific salmon, S. 1430, to authorize certain maritime programs of the Department

of Transportation, S. 1657, to amend the provisions of law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, S. 1665, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, S. 1701, to amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, S. 1717, to prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, S. 1759, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America’s Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition, and the nominations of Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, Albert DiClemente, of Delaware, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, David J. McMillan, of Minnesota, and Wenona Singel, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, Robert L. Sumwalt III, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, and a promotion list in the U.S. Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the European debt crisis, focusing on strategic implications for the transatlantic alliance, 9:30 a.m., SD–419.

Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, with the Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women’s Issues, to hold joint hearings to examine women and the Arab Spring, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on the next wave in aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, and David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine ensuring quality and oversight in assisted living, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of the Military Services and Consequences of Defense Sequestration” 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2012 Combat Aviation Programs Update, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on The Current Status and Future Direction for U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy and Posture, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Do New Health Law Mandates Threaten Conscience Rights and Access to Care?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled

"The Obama Administration's Rental Assistance Demonstration Proposal." Noon, 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity; and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Fraud in the HUD HOME Program." 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing entitled "U.S. Policy Towards Zimbabwe." 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 1905, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2105, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran, North Korea, and Syria certain goods, services, or technology, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Efforts to Transfer America's Leading Edge Science to China." 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled "The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, hearing on H.R. 2121, the "China Democracy Promotion Act of 2011." 3:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement, meeting to consider authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to the Department of Homeland Security, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, begin markup of the following: H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act of 2011"; and, H.R. 2369, to amend title 36, United States Code, to provide for an additional power for the American Legion under its Federal charter. 1 p.m., 214 Rayburn. Markup will continue on November 3, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled "BOEMRE/U.S. Coast Guard Joint Investigation Team Report." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "North American Offshore Energy: Mexico

and Canada Boundary Treaties and New Drilling by Cuba and Bahamas." 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform, hearing entitled "Are Government Contractors Exploiting Workers Overseas? Examining Enforcement of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act." 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight and Government Spending, hearing entitled "The Green Energy Debacle: Where Has All the Taxpayer Money Gone?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "America's Innovation Challenge: What Obstacles do Entrepreneurs Face?" 10:30 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 2940, the "Access to Capital for Job Creators Act"; and H.R. 2930, the "Entrepreneur Access to Capital Act." 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, hearing entitled "Creating and Growing New Businesses: Fostering U.S. Innovation." 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing entitled "Conflicts and Unintended Consequences of Motor Fuel Standards." 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled "Assuring the Safety of Domestic Energy Production: Lessons Learned from the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine human trafficking and Transnational Organized Crime, focusing on assessing trends and combat strategies, including the evolving nature of Transnational Organized Crime, the role of major international organized crime groups and smaller organized criminal syndicates in human trafficking, identified trends, and strategies to combat these organizations and prevent the trafficking of human beings, 10 a.m., B318, Rayburn Building.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 5 through October 31, 2011

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	138	141	..
Time in session	902 hrs., 31'	824 hrs., 46'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	\$6,929	H7,166	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	E1,966	..
Public bills enacted into law	12	32	44
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	2	2	..
Measures passed, total	315	290	605
Senate bills	39	10	..
House bills	41	136	..
Senate joint resolutions	4	3	..
House joint resolutions	3	5	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	17	5	..
House concurrent resolutions	14	18	..
Simple resolutions	197	113	..
Measures reported, total	154	* 235	* 389
Senate bills	110	2	..
House bills	16	156	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	3	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	2	..
Simple resolutions	25	72	..
Special reports	14	29	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	154	65	..
Measures introduced, total	2,135	3,899	6,034
Bills	1,769	3,285	..
Joint resolutions	28	82	..
Concurrent resolutions	32	83	..
Simple resolutions	306	449	..
Quorum calls	5	3	..
Yea-and-nay votes	188	218	..
Recorded votes .....	..	593**	..
Bills vetoed .....	..	..	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 5 through October 31, 2011

Civilian nominations, totaling 450, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	246
Unconfirmed	192
Withdrawn	12

Other Civilian nominations, totaling 3,150, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	2,210
Unconfirmed	935
Withdrawn	5

Air Force nominations, totaling 5,481, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,703
Unconfirmed	3,778

Army nominations, totaling 5,280, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	5,052
Unconfirmed	228

Navy nominations, totaling 3,356, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	3,325
Unconfirmed	31

Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,249, disposed of as follows:

Confirmed	1,249
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Summary

Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	18,966
Total confirmed	13,785
Total unconfirmed	5,164
Total withdrawn	17
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 90 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 264 reports have been filed in the House.

**Proceedings on Roll Call No. 484 were vacated by unanimous consent.